(a) whether Government has conducted any survey about the continuation of domestic violence including sexual violence against women, despite the law prohibiting such violence; and

(b) if so, the effective steps being taken or proposed to be taken to prevent such violence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) As per National Family Health Survey III (2007) data, approximately 35.4% of women in the age-group of 15-49 and approximately 40% of women in case of ever married women, have experienced physical or sexual violence. 6.7% of all women have experienced both physical and sexual forms of domestic violence. Further, the data suggests that both physical and sexual forms of domestic violence against women are higher in rural as compared to urban areas.

(b) The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 is a civil law intended to fill the gaps in existing criminal legal framework. This law aims to provide various types of reliefs to those women, who experience violence in the domestic environment. This law has been in force for about 3 years.

Funds for child welfare schemes

1980. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released and spent for child welfare schemes, State-wise especially in Maharashtra;

(b) the details thereof, rural and urban area-wise; and

(c) the benefits reached to poor people like minorities in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) to (c) The funds released to States/UTs alongwith the details of benefits provided under child welfare schemes are available on the website of the Ministry of Women and Child Development *i.e.*, *www.wcd.nic.in.* This information is also available in the Annual Reports of this Ministry which are available in the Library of the Rajya Sabha. All the schemes of this Ministry cater to all the communities.

Anganwadi workers and helpers

1981. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of Anganwadi workers and helpers, State-wise;

(b) the amount of remuneration provided to each worker and helper;

(c) whether Government considers hike in their remuneration, in view of the escalating cost of living;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and